only. So no, I didn't call anybody.

- Q. Then you went to Dunkin' Donuts?
- A. Correct.
 - Q. And you had a conversation?
- 5 A. Yeah.

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Q. Tell me about that conversation.

We met in front of the Dunkin' Donuts Α. outside, at which time Detective Parenta said to me that Chief Ferrante was unaware of the fact that I had been employed by Harrington Park. He -- it was news to him, sort of. And that he had sent him there to conduct an investigation regarding the incident that took place in the China Club. They claimed to me at that time that I was in the China Club in New York City, I was involved in some type of, I don't want to use the term "scuffle," some type of altercation or scuffle that involved assaults where I used my badge, a North Haledon police badge to exculpate myself and to kind of get away from the They claimed that at that time that Chief incident. Ferrante had received a report of that, to the best of my knowledge and that's what they were investigating. And if I had the North Haledon badge in my possession I was going to turn it over or be prosecuted.

Page 104 1 Q. They said you would be prosecuted? 2 That's what I remember them saying. A: 3 Back to the parking lot. 0. What was their demeanor? You said they 4 5 were going to make your life miserable and things 6 What was their demeanor to you? like that. 7 Α. An aggressive posture. One that I 8 recognize as a police officer trying to investigate and find out what he wants -to know. 9 So for two police officers conducting an 10 0. investigation did you find anything out of the 11 12 ordinary out of their demeanor? 13 Α. Yes, I did. What was out of the ordinary? 14 0. 15 I thought it was overly aggressive for Α. 16 and adversarial for one police officer that I know, 17 another police officer that I vaguely know, to talk 18 to another police officer in the manner in which we were communicating. It would be like speaking to 19 20 another attorney noncordially and not respectfully. 21 0. But did I understand your testimony just 22 before that sometimes cops, when conducting an investigation, are aggressive? Did I understand you 3 correctly? 4 That's a fair statement. A.

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1	Q. So you feel they were overly aggressive?		
2	A. I feel they were overly aggressive and		
3	harassive to me.		
4	Q. It's okay for a cop conducting an		
5	investigation to be aggressive?		
6	A. Aggressive within the confines of the		
7	law and mutual respect to other humans, yes.		
8	Q. But aggressive. Right?		
9	A. Aggressive with a very narrow		
10	definition.		
11	Q. Okay. When you went to Dunkin' Donuts		
12	what was their demeanor?		
13	A. Their demeanor was similar initially.		
14	And after I had some things to say to them, you know,		
15	we went up and we went down. It escalated and		
16	de-escalated.		
17	Q. They were aggressive at Dunkin' Donuts		
18	and then they weren't aggressive and then they were?		
19	A. In the confines of a conversation. We		
20	escalated and we de-escalated.		
21	Q. Would you describe it as kind of just a		
22	conversation between three cops?		
23	A. No. I don't think I would take it as		
24	that. I was in that conversation things were		

intimated to me, things were expressed to me, things

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were said to me that I didn't like. 1

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- What didn't you like? Q.
- I didn't like the fact that they were 3 Α. accusing me of doing something that I hadn't done, 4 5 that there's a point -- I mean, I don't have the reference of the entire conversation at the tip of my 6 7 tongue. It's how many years ago now. But things that were said to me that, you know, would reflect 8 negatively upon me in my career in Harrington Park, 9 10 that would be detrimental to my career. Threats that I am being accused of something that I didn't do. 11 12 a police officer I'm sure you're aware that it makes 13 it even worse. I didn't like their attitude, the way they spoke and treated me. In my opinion they were very threatening to me and my future.
 - When you asked them to go talk somewhere 0. else, what was their response?
 - Α. They agreed.
 - So what was the threat at that point? 0.
 - The threat to me? I didn't know what I A. was getting into at that point. The unknown is always, I think fair to say, is a threat.
 - 0. They didn't call up your chief, though, to the best of your knowledge, did they?
 - I'm unaware if they spoke to my chief at Α.

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1	down and you had it, let's go get it and that's the end of		
2	it.		
3	MARK VAN: Todd, you live five houses around the		
4	corner from me.		
5	TODD DOUGHERTY: To be honest with you, and I		
6	haven't seen you. You live there, I had no idea.		
7	MARK VAN: I've never had a problem with you. My		
8	problem with Ferrante (PHONETIC) is different, alright.		
9	And the bottom line is why would I do something like that?		
LO	Why?		
L1	TODD DOUGHERTY: I didn't even know that you still		
12	lived there, I'm not going to lie, I didn't. When's the		
13	last time I've seen you? I know I live five houses from		
14	here.		
15	MARK VAN: (INAUDIBLE) badge, you know what I'm		
16	saying?		
17	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: No, I know. I didn't know you		
18	lived there, I really didn't, honestly.		
19	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We didn't know you were working		
20	here and when the chief caught wind of this situation		
21	today, he felt robbed and he didn't know about your		
22	employment here because nobody told him. So, I think he's		
23	concerned.		
24	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I think uh he doesn't.		
25	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: If we don't come back with some		

sort of (INAUDIBLE) here tonight I'm telling you right now 1 the chief is going to call your chief. 2 MARK VAN: You know what -- well, first of all, why 3 would anybody call him in the first place? Alright. 4 Second of all, who is he to be tracking me and you don't 5 have to give me any ulitimatums, alright. If you guys 6 have something to charge me with then you can deal with my 7 lawyer. 8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: No. We're not looking to do that 9 Mark. 10 MARK VAN: You don't like it, because you don't 11 have anything to charge me with, bottom line. If there 12 was, I think you could tell me where it came from. 13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We got a call from New York City. 14 I don't really want to go over to New York City, I told 15 you exactly what club it was. 16 MARK VAN: Well, how does my name come out of the 17 That's what I don't understand. I -wash? 18 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: They said Mark Van, they said who 19 the name was. 20 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: It's possible someone else has 21 your ID, I'm not saying that that's not the case. 22 MARK VAN: I don't have any ID, I don't have any 23 North Haledon badge. If there was some reason for me to 24 show a badge, which I wouldn't do, I would show the badge

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MARK VANSPLINTER? MARK L. VAN?

Employment	Position	Status
Riverside Square Mall	Security guard	Fired
Florida	?	?
Middlesex County Campus Police	Officer	?
Haworth Police Department	Dispatcher	Fired
Paramus Police Department	Dispatcher	Fired
Hackensack Medical Center	Paramedic	Fired
Morris County Police Academy	?	?
Glen Ridge	?	?
Pasaic County Police Academy	Instructor	?
North Haledon Police Department	Police Officer	Resigned pending charges.
Haledon Police Department	Special Officer	?

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POLICE LIEUTENANT RESIGNS UNDER FIRE

NORTH HALEDON VETERAN FACED DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

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A police lieutenant facing disciplinary charges resigned Wednesday. becoming the fourth officer in the 16-member department who has either run afoul of department procedures or faced a criminal investigation this year.

Lt. Guy Tarsitano, a 19-year veteran, turned in his badge, weapons, and uniforms. He also will resign from the borough's Office of Emergency Management. Board of Recreation, and Fire Department.

Under an "irrevocable" resignation agreement. Tarsitano also will be prohibited from serving as a coach in any North Haledon sports team and will be barred from serving as an appointee on any borough board or committee. The agreement passed in a 5-1 vote by the Borough Council after a closed-door meeting Wednesday night.

Tarsitano will be on terminal leave until Feb. 6, 2001, when the resignation becomes effective.

Council members said the agreement was in the "public interest." but none would comment on the disciplinary charges that were pending against Tarsitano.

The agreement precludes them from discussing the deal, they said. The charges, brought by acting Police Chief Joseph Ferrante, have been withdrawn.

Councilman Anthony J. DeNova was the lone dissenter. He said Tarsitano's resignation was necessary, but he was against providing terminal leave pay to the lieutenant.

"Compensation should end Oct. 25." said DeNova.

Robert LaSalle of West Paterson. Tarsitano's lawyer, declined to comment on the resignation, citing the agreement. Borough Attorney James Segreto also

. declined to comment, giving the same reason.

In July. Tarsitano was credited with saving the life of an elderly man who had suffered a stroke and crashed his car on Ballentine Drive, smashing his head against the windshield. Tarsitano removed the man's dentures and steadied his head, allowing him to breathe again.

In January, another 19-year police veteran, Fordyce Hubbard, resigned after pleading guilty to stealing \$3,200 from a Paterson bait and tackle shop where he moonlighted.

In February, Detective John Nicosia, 28, considered a rising star in the department, and a Ferrante prot'eg'e, was charged with falsely reporting that his Jeep Cherokee had been stolen, to collect insurance money.

Nicosia was among 89 people - caught in an FBI sting - who allegedly participated in a scam involving \$3 million worth of vehicles.

Nicosia has been suspended without pay, pending the outcome of the case.

In September. Officer Mark Van was brought up on departmental charges. alleging that he falsified a police report after a stolen vehicle pursuit.

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